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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 820

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Samuel R. Bacon
on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Bacon will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 1, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon was reared in the home of his loving family on a dairy farm just north of Baltimore City, Maryland; his devoted and caring family included 40 aunts and uncles and several cousins; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 18, he left home to work on a dairy farm; he contributed his hard work and skill to the farm for six years receiving nothing but room and board for his labor, as was commonly done at that time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon utilized his life experience and knowledge he gained as an employee at the Maryland Agriculture Experiment Station, and later at the North Carolina Station for a period of three years; and

WHEREAS, in 1928, Samuel Bacon began his tenure with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; he served with rare acumen and alacrity in a variety of duties, which required him to travel throughout the United States, and to several foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, after 35 years of meritorious service, Mr. Bacon retired at the age of 63; and, upon his retirement, this remarkable man continued to uphold the noble precepts of hard work; an astute businessman, he immediately went into business distributing key chains and small tools, serving approximately 400 stores; he remained in business for the next 17 years and retired at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Bacon feels fortunate to have enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, the late Reba Bacon; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud father of two daughters, Susanne Bacon and Janet Bagett; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Mr. Bacon shared his good fortune with the community, contributing on a regular basis to more than 30 charities; and

WHEREAS, he eagerly supported his devoted wife, an educator and lover of art, in her quest to establish an art league in Cookeville; thanks to this fine couple's generosity, the Cumberland Art Society flourishes today; and

WHEREAS, as he approaches his 11th decade, Mr. Bacon is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to take this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. Samuel R. Bacon on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.